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Top chef returns to his Skem roots

Skelmersdale brothers Stephen and John Roachford who are planning to cycle the 127 miles of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal for charity pictured with their children

Brothers' marathon bike challenge for charity

AFTER going through what he described as "a rollercoaster ride" since being diagnosed with an incurable condition nine years ago, a Skelmersdale man and his cancer survivor brother are planning a ride of a different kind - by cycling the full length of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal to raise money for charity.

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PRIEST JAILED FOR HISTORIC SEX CRIMES

A 'CRUEL, sadistic' Catholic priest who repeatedly raped a boy almost 40 years ago has been jailed for 17 years.

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A judge told 74-year-old Father Michael Higginbottom: "For about six months in the late 1970s you made a young boy's life a living hell."

The offences took place at the former St Joseph's seminary in Up Holland where the defendant was a priest and teacher.

Judge Andrew Menary, QC described Higginbottom, as "someone who undoubtedly had a mean and cruel streak. The evidence makes plain that when you were teaching you employed methods that today, if not then, would be recognised for what they were - cruel, sadistic bullying."

He said that the victim, now aged 52, "has been haunted by demons" ever since.

In an eloquent and moving impact statement read to the court, the man, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, said: "My abuse started within the first week of being left alone in that cold, dark place.

"It was difficult to try to portray what that place was like. It was the polar opposite of the loving caring home I came from. I was subjected to physical, sexual and mental abuse at his hands. My sexual abuse happened so often I became numb with what was happening.

"I cried so often I believed I could drown in my own tears. I used to pray to die."

The victim, who was 13 and 14 at the time of the abuse, told how it went on to affect his schooling, adult life and relationships and he had kept his ordeal secret from his wife until he eventually told a psychiatrist.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that he managed to escape the seminary by stealing a watch and consequently getting

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Father Michael Higginbottom

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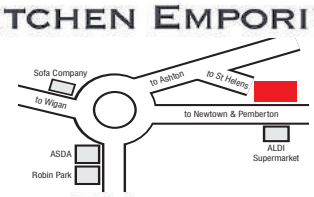

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Residents can sign up now for council's paid-for green bin collection scheme

Current free service set to end on June 2

RESIDENTS who wish to use West Lancashire Borough Council's chargeable garden waste collection service from June 5 can sign up and pay from today (Wednesday, April 19).

The council has said residents who sign up before May 15 will be guaranteed no interruption to their service, which will continue as normal on a fortnightly basis.

The controversial charges will apply from June 5. It will cost £30 per year for one green bin to be emptied.

Householders will also be able to have additional green bins emptied at a cost of £25 each, per year and additional bins can also be purchased if needed.

The council says the quickest and most convenient way to sign up and pay is via the council website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/gardenwaste. Residents who don't have access to the Internet can ring 01695 577 177.

Benefits

Residents can choose whether or not to use the garden waste collection service after the free service ends on June 2.

Those who decide not to sign up and pay will be able to dispose of garden waste at household waste recycling centres, or compost it.

The council will be delivering a leaflet to every household in the borough giving information about the changes. Information is also provided at the website address listed above.

Residents can sign up now for the West Lancs Council's new chargeable green waste collection service.

Heidi McDougall, West Lancs Council's director of Street Scene Services, said: "Residents who sign up and pay can enjoy the benefits of using the service on a fortnightly basis as well as helping to minimise the amount of waste going to landfill and contributing towards protecting the environment."

The green bin charge was introduced by the Labour-run council as a measure to help bridge the savings gap in the authority's budget.

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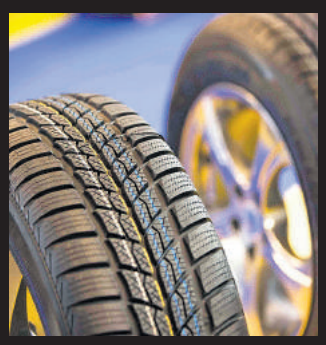

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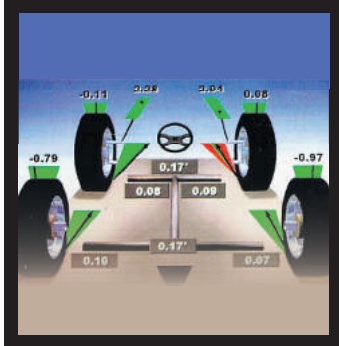

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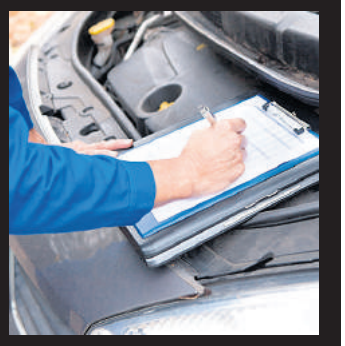

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Brothers bid to complete 127-mile canal challenge in a day to raise money for medical charity

Report by **Henry James**

AFTER going through a "rollercoaster ride" ride since being diagnosed with Crohn's Disease nine years ago, Stephen Roachford is planning a ride of a different kind - by cycling the full length of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal in a day!

The 34-year-old from Skelmersdale wanted to do something to help fellow sufferers of the incurable bowel disease and came up with the idea of being sponsored to ride the 127 miles of the canal to raise money for the charity, Crohn's Colitis UK.

Crohn's disease is a condition that causes inflammation of the lining of the digestive system. Crohn's and Colitis UK provides information and support to people with colitis or Crohn's Disease.

Stephen was diagnosed with Crohn's in February 2008 and is hoping to raise £1,000 for the charity through his challenge, which he expects to last between 14 and 16 hours.

Joining Stephen - who runs his own recruitment business - on the ride, plannned for Saturday, October 21, will be his brother, John.

Forty-three-year-old John is a bowel cancer survivor who was diagnosed after going to see his doctor when Stephen was told he had Crohn's Disease.

The pair will start in Leeds and finish at the Albert Dock in Liverpool.

Stephen has been training at Park Pool in Ormskirk on Watt bikes, which simulate the feel and ride of a professional cycling scenario.

Stephen and John are shown with their children

Having started training on Monday, April 3, he is giving himself plenty of time to shape up for the task ahead.

He said: "The training is a challenge in itself. I'm not exactly in peak physical condition at the moment and I'm still pretty weak after the last few years.

"There is plenty of work to do but we will get there. I am really excited to start this new chapter of my life.

"It has been a rollercoaster ride since my diagnosis.

"There is no cure for Crohn's and I want to raise a bit of cash to help people with this truly debilitating disease, and also to help research new medicines, new nutritional practices and any other things that can help improve quality of life.

"I can't tell you how much it would mean to me if people could donate anything they can, as this is something that could one day affect their child, brother, sister, friend, or cousin, and I just want to do my little part in stopping this from happening."

Last year Stephen underwent surgery for a total collectomy and end ileostomy in which surgeons removed his entire colon. He now has a stoma and an ostomy bag for the rest of his life.

He added: "Please don't get me wrong, I don't feel sorry for myself in the slightest, in fact I am grateful for my stoma as it has literally saved my life.

"However, I want to do all I can to prevent anyone else going through what I have been through, especially any children that have Crohn's or may be diagnosed in the future."

The brothers plan to stop every 30 miles on the challenge to rehydrate and take a quick breather.

Stephen will be cheered on in the challenge by his wife Claire and two girls Elena, six and Mollie, four.

To sponsor Stephen log on to www.gofundme.com/crohnscanalchallenge.

'Sadistic' priest jailed for 17 years for historic sex abuse

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expelled but he was left angry that no-one ever asked why he had changed so much in those six months and he became a rebel.

Higginbottom, of West Farm Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne was convicted by 10-2 majority verdicts of four offences of buggery and four of indecent assault between September 1978 and March 20, 1979.

He had also faced two allegations of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old boy at the seminary but at the start of the trial the prosecution offered no evidence on those charges and not guilty verdicts were recorded.

The Catholic Diocese of Liverpool paid out £35,000 to another former pupil who alleged he was sexually abused by Higginbottom at the college in the late 1970s. The payment was made without admission of liability and Higginbottom was never charged in relation to that allegation.

Higginbottom, who stood in the dock listening to proceedings using the loop system, was suspended by the church in 2004 from his parish in Darlington.

Jailing him, Judge Menary said that aged 13 the boy had been given the place at the seminary to complete his education and consider a vocation in the priesthood, to the delight of his devout parents. "What you did to him there effectively destroyed the remainder of his childhood and did a good job of destroying any faith he ever had.

"Within about two weeks of his arrival you had targeted him for your own sexual gratification. As a matter of routine you took him or summoned him to your private quarters where you systematically committed sexual acts on him."

He said that the victim and other former pupils had "described in graphic terms the excessive and inappropriate corporal punishment you seemed to enjoy inflicting on the boys."

Judge Menary added the victim's mental health has suffered after having nothing to distract his mind after a series of accidents. "What you did to him has defined his life and will continue to do so long after you have been punished today."

He told Higginbottom, who showed no emotion, that it was clear he had served parishes faithfully for many years providing dedicated and valuable support to many people during his time in ministry. But it was his position as a trusted priest and teacher that allowed him access to the young boy and allowed the abuse to happen.

He ordered him to sign the Sex Offenders Register for life.

During the six-day trial Higginbottom, who had been a physics master, a football coach and a form teacher at the seminary, which no longer exists, said he did not remember the boy and denied the allegations.

Adam Birkby, defending, said that he did not seek to minimise the psychological impact on the victim but he pointed out that he had claimed he had also been abused by two other priests, who are now deceased.

He said that Higginbottom had contributed to his congregation and wider community and "was of exemplary good character over the years since."

He also pointed out that the defendant has health problems including diabetes and a heart condition and suffered a series of mini strokes last year.

Following the verdict, Claire Hilton, senior crown prosecutor at the rape and serious sexual offences unit, North West, said: "The victim in this case showed great courage in coming forward to report the offences committed by Michael Higginbottom and giving evidence at his trial. His courage has enabled the CPS to bring Michael Higginbottom to justice for his crimes.

"Michael Higginbottom abused the significant position of trust he held as a teacher and guardian of the pupils in his care as well as a priest and representative of the Catholic Church. His actions have had a devastating impact on the victim from his school days and into his adult life.

"This case very clearly demonstrates that no matter how long ago sexual abuse was committed, time is not a barrier, and victims can see justice done even after several years have passed. The CPS will always take these cases very seriously and ensure that victims receive as much support as possible to help them give evidence at court."

Hillsborough survivor and author to host library event

HILLSBOROUGH survivor and former Skelmersdale resident Damian Kavanagh will be at Skelmersdale Library next Monday (April 24) for a free event with Kevin Sampson, author of the book *Hillsborough Voices*, which tells the story of the disaster.

Published in May 2016, the book features a collection of first-hand accounts about the disaster from Liverpool FC players, survivors (including Damian), bereaved family members, campaigners, politicians and medical professionals.

The book also describes the consequences of the tragedy and the following campaigns for justice.

Damian, 48, who lived in Skelmersdale for 30 years and now lives in Ormskirk, said: "The Skelmersdale community were deeply affected by the disaster and fought for justice from the start.

"Kevin hosts the evening and the audience can ask questions and make contributions themselves. When we have done this show at other venues, it has been very well received. It is a very emotive subject.

"Books like Kevin's are important as they leave a legacy so future generations can learn about the truth of the disaster. They also help to explain the intricacies of what happened.

"In the book, the disaster is told through a timeline with contributions from different people including survivors, players, the bereaved and MPs."

Hillsborough Voices has allowed survivors to talk about what happened and Damian, who was born in Liverpool and brought up in Skelmersdale, added: "Many young men had not spoken about what happened for a multitude of reasons, which may have included the trauma of it.

"They also may not have wanted to go through the prospect of counselling. So books like this have helped."

'Important'

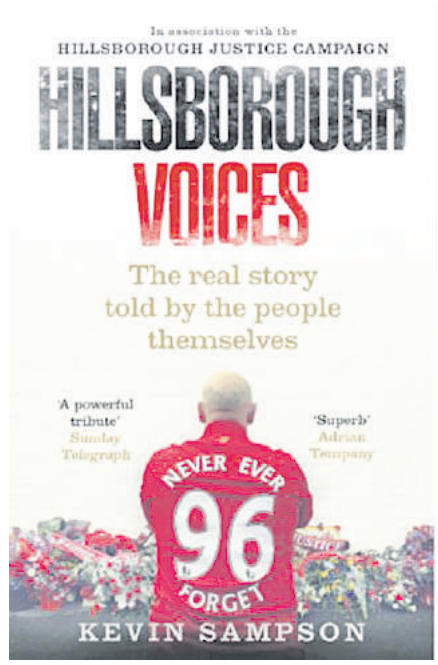
Damian is planning to go to his former school in Skelmersdale, as well, to speak about Hillsborough. He went to St Thomas The Apostle, which is now Our Lady Queen of Peace.

He commented: "Educating young people about what happened at Hillsborough is very important."

The event will run from 7 to 8.30pm on Monday, April 24.

The book has been published in association with the Hillsborough Justice Campaign.

Places are limited to attend the event, so booking is essential. People can book a place by calling in at Skelmersdale Library on Southway, emailing skelmersdale.library@lancashire.gov.uk or by ringing 0300 123 6703.



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Campaigner calls on landowners to say 'no' to fracking

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN anti-fracking campaigner from Halsall is urging landowners in West Lancashire to ensure that their property is not used for the controversial oil and gas extraction technique.

Maureen Mills, chair of Halsall Against Fracking and a member of Frack Free Lancashire, was one of a number of campaigners who vowed to continue their fight against fracking in Lancashire, despite a government decision in October to allow it to continue.

In a landmark ruling, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, gave permission for fracking to go ahead at a site near Little Plumpton. The minister upheld an appeal by gas and oil company Cuadrilla against Lancashire County Council's decision last year to refuse permission for the company to frack at the site and another at Roseacre Wood, on the grounds of noise and traffic impact.

The decision could have a long-term impact on sites in West Lancashire where Aurora have a licence to explore for shale gas.

Maureen told the Champion: "We have teamed up with Frack Free Formby, Frack Free Burscough, Frack Free Southport, New Frack Free Skelmersdale, Frack Free Wigan, Leigh & Makerfield and Frack Free Lancashire to make landowners across Lancashire and Merseyside aware of what they would be signing up to if they give up their land.

"Aurora will be looking to acquire land which will be pivotal to their planning application for exploratory drilling.

"The Church Commissioners have undertaken to advise Halsall Against Fracking if they are approached and they have confirmed that they have not been.

"The agricultural heritage of our area would be decimated by this industry, our infrastructure simply cannot support such an industrialised scenario.

"Once land has been acquired, UK law allows drilling to take place without requiring the landowner's consent. The Infrastructure Act 2015 removed the requirement for companies to obtain your permission to drill under land or property at depths of 300 metres or more from the surface. In addition, mineral rights do not belong to landowners in the UK, they belong to the state.

"Before a planning application can be submitted, it will be necessary for Aurora to lease or buy land for their exploration. It is for this reason that we are appealing to all landowners to think long and hard if they are approached by Aurora, or any company on their behalf, to acquire or lease their land."

Maureen Mills (left) and Carol Young from Halsall Against Fracking at a demonstration last year

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Residents' fury over plan to axe bus service

RESIDENTS have reacted with anger to plans by Arriva North West to withdraw the 313 bus service serving the Ashurst area of Skelmersdale as of July 23.

At present the 313 is the only local bus route that serves the estates around Ashurst.

After hearing the news, Paul Barker contacted the Champion and wrote: "How does this town sink any lower? Now a large part of the town faces not having a bus service. Land is sold for even more houses to be built, yet services for the people already living in the town get less and less.

"It is the local elections in May, so people know what to do if the current councillors do nothing to stop this cut.

"Many people rely on this bus service, so it would be an utter nightmare for many if the cut went ahead."

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has called for a replacement bus service to be introduced so Ashurst residents are not left "disconnected and isolated."

She said the loss of the 313 service in Ashurst woulod be "a massive blow for residents" and added: "Losing another bus service would be yet another devastating blow to public transport provision here in West Lancashire."

Arriva have said they have to withdraw the service because support for funding from Lancashire County Council was rejected earlier this year.

The county council says it is approaching other operators to make them aware of the opportunity to provide a service in the area.

MP goes back to school to find out just what makes the town's top-rated primary tick!

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper went back to the classroom for a day when she paid a visit to Skemersdale's top-performing primary school.

According to the latest end of Key Stage 2 results, St James' Catholic Primary is the highest ranked in the town and fourth highest in West Lancashire as a whole, a total of 50 schools.

Last year the school's combined score for reading, writing and maths was 82%, which is 29% above the national average.

And the West Lancs MP went along to the school in Ashurst Road to congratulate pupils and staff on their performance and see for herself just what makes them tick.

During her visit Ms Cooper went into every class to see all the children at work and she was also treated to a whole school assembly showcasing some of the experiences St James' provides for its pupils.

These included a performance by the school's singing club following their recent trip to Young Voices 2017 at Manchester MEN Arena; an 'Anti Bullying' rap, written and performed by the Year 2 children for Anti-Bullying Week; short animations created in one of the many after-school clubs the children enjoy attending; and a film made by Year 6 children accompanied by Robbie Williams' *I Love My Life,* portraying the ethos of the school.

Rosie Cooper MP pictured with some of the children, governors and staff during her visit to St James' Catholic Primary School

One of the highlights was headteacher Mr Iliff, playing a role in a Young Enterprise project whereby the children made a video styled on those featured in TV's *The Apprentice,* to promote a new crisp product. This project involved other schools, but St James' received the award for the best advert.

Ms Cooper was really impressed with the children's achievements throughout the school from nursery to Year 6, but also by the amount of fun they have in school.

She commented on the school's own mission statement which describes the loving, warm family atmosphere and said the school's academic results speak for themselves.

Speaking at the assembly, she said: "If I was a child again, I'd love to come to this school. You are all very lucky to attend such a good school."

Mr Iliff thanked the dedication of all the staff and children for working as a team to achieve such high standards year-on-year.

He said: "I am so proud to be the headteacher of such a lovely school with children that are so happy, safe and settled, which means that they will have the best opportunity to achieve their full potential and our results confirm that!"

Lancashire County Council chiefs have revealed that almost 98% of new starter primary school pupils in the county have been given a place at one of their parents' preferred choices in September

Most new starters in county get their preferred places

FIGURES for primary school admissions in Lancashire show that almost 98% of pupils have been given a place at one of their parents' preferred schools this September.

Lancashire County Council chiefs have revealed that 89% will get their first preference; 8.5% will go to schools which were their second or third preference and the remaining 2.5% of children have been allocated places at other schools.

The number of four-year-olds receiving preferred places is likely to rise as places are allocated from the lists of those children who are waiting for a place, as appeals are heard and adjustments are made.

Debbie Ormerod, Lancashire County Council's school admissions manager, said: "This is an exciting but anxious time of year for parents as they find out where their child will be starting school. Careful planning means that 97.8% of parents have been allocated a place at one of the schools they preferred with the majority getting a place at the school they wanted the most.

"Importantly, once again we've been able to offer every child in Lancashire a school place.

"School places are allocated fairly and objectively and every application is agreed upon using the criteria which has been agreed for that school. However, I know it can be very disappointing for parents if they are one of the few who don't get one of their preferences, and our local admissions teams will be happy to give information and advice."

This year, 95% of the 13,981 applications were completed online.

For advice and information on school admissions and appeals, which will take place locally during May and June, parents in West Lancs can email pupilaccess.southadmissions@lancashire.gov.uk.

Last chance to nominate an Everyday Hero

THERE are only days left to nominate someone special for a first aid charity's Everday Heroes awards.

The St John Ambulance awards celebrate inspiring stories of first aid rescues across the country.

West Lancs residents are being urged to nominate someone who has saved a life, is championing first aid in schools, community or workplace or has gone the extra mile in first aid.

They can be friends, family members, colleagues - or even strangers - who they know have saved lives or championed first aid.

Entries close at midnight on Sunday, April 23, with the short-listed nominees being invited to an awards ceremony in London in September.

To find out about the award categories or nominate someone, visit sja.org.uk/everydayheroes.

Top chef returns to roots to inspire next generation of culinary whizzes

A TOP chef who went to school in Skelmersdale has returned to the town with the aim of inspiring the next generation of would-be culinary whizzes.

James Holden has been carrying out cookery workshops in units 145 to 147 at the Concourse Centre.

A member of The Royal Academy of Culinary Arts (RAOCA) - a collection of the UK's leading head chefs, pastry chefs, and restaurant managers, including Michel Roux, Heston Blumenthal, Raymond Blanc, and Brian Turner - James has also worked at some of the top eating venues in the country, including the Savoy Hotel in London,

Budding chefs who met up with James Holden of the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts who held children's cookery sessions as part of Easter events at Skelmersdale Concourse

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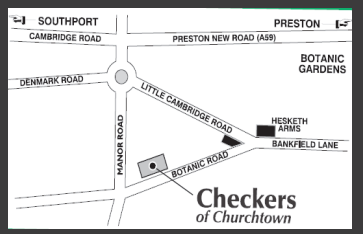

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Police pledge to 'deal with' yobs hurling missiles from bridges

Report by **Henry James**

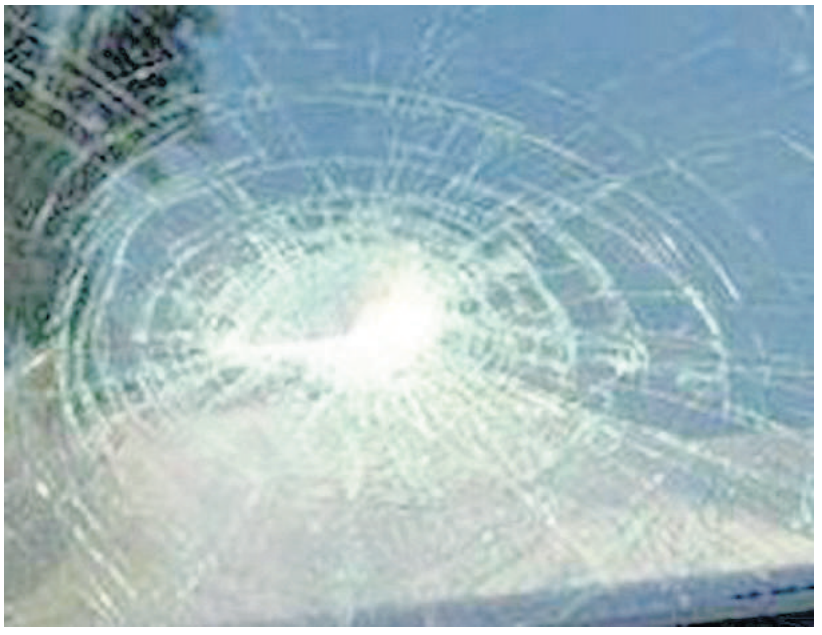
Appeal for information to track down yobs 'putting lives at risk'

POLICE in Skelmersdale have pledged to crack down on youths who they say are "putting lives at risk" by throwing missiles from bridges in the town onto vehicles passing underneath.

In the most recent recorded incidents a man travelling on a bus was injured when yobs threw Allen keys from the bridge over Digmoor Road on Monday, April 10, smashing the vehicle's windscreen.

Earlier the same evening, at around 6pm, youths were seen throwing stones at the Pizza Hot takeaway in nearby Birkrig on Digmoor Parade.

A spokesman for Skelmersdale Police said: "We all know that Skelmersdale is known for its roundabouts and its bridges. Once again we are receiving reports of items being thrown from the bridges into the carriageway, endangering the lives of motorists.



Police posted this image to show the damage caused to a vehicle's windscreen by a missile hurled from a bridge

Consequences

"This could potentially be your family members, a grandparent or parent, not forgetting children travelling in the vehicle. These youths are putting lives in danger.

"These incidents are very serious and the potential consequences could be fatal so anyone caught committing these offences will be dealt with accordingly.

"The incidents are being investigated and anyone with any information is asked to contact Lancashire Police through the website www.socsi.in/K4COf, by ringing 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

In a post on the Skelmersdale Police Facebook, a concerned member of the public, Paul Stanley, wrote: "This kind of thing always makes me wonder just what is going on in these kids heads.

"Do they actually know what might happen to some poor person and their families? It's just unbelievable, it can't go on. They must be caught, someone with some conscience must know who they are. They should do their duty and tell the police or an adult now."

Some of the youngsters at the Ducklings Day Nursery - and helpers - who took part in their first Easter Bonnet Parade

Hat's the way to celebrate nursery's first Easter . . .

YOUNGSTERS at a recently-opened nursery let Easter go to their heads - in the nicest possible way - when they staged their very own Easter Bonnet parade.

The Children at The Ducklings Day Nursery in Daniels Lane, Skelmersdale, aged from 14 months to three years, designed and made the bonnets, with a little help from their parents.

Janet Doyle, manager at the nursery which opened in January this year, said: "This was our first Easter bonnet parade and it was a happy celebration with parents and grandparents getting involved as well."

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Members of the Dauntless Cheer cheerleading group who claimed more trophies at Ice Extravaganza in Manchester.

Talented youngsters have plenty to cheer about!

YOUNG members of a Skemersdale-based cheerleading group certainly had plenty to cheer about when they took part in a prestigious national competition - walking away with one first place and four runners-up awards.

The Dauntless Cheer group, based at the Ashurst Centre in the town, were taking part in the Ice Extravaganza in Manchester featuring hundreds of cheerleading teams from around the country competing to high standards in gym work, stunting and dance.

The team, which has been running since September 2015, is led by coaches Rachael Hill and Chris Tasker who work with the girls - with ages ranging from five to 19 - in this up-and-coming competitive sport.

A spokeswoman for the group said: "The girls all work hard and train every Monday night. All their hard work and determination paid off at Manchester with more

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DON'T miss out on the chance to have your say on election day!

That's the message from Lancashire County Council chiefs to residents of the county ahead of the polls on Thursday, May 4.

The county council provides around 85% of local government services in Lancashire, including fostering and adoption; health and social care; cultural services; recycling; and highways and transport.

Changes

You can find out more about the elections on the county council's website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/elections which includes information on how to register to vote, details of candidates and how to register to get results once the votes have been counted.

Since the last election changes have been made to the boundaries for most electoral divisions, the areas represented by each county councillor. Details on these can also be found the on website.

Hospital trust appoints new interim chief executive

THE Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has appointed a new interim chief executive.

Karen Jackson succeeds Iain McInnes, interim chief executive since August, who is returning to a role with NHS Improvement, the national organisation responsible for overseeing NHS provider trusts.

Karen has most recently been working with NHS Improvement to lead work on improving urgent care service delivery across England.

Before this she was chief executive at North Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust and has a professional background in NHS finance. She is a graduate in genetics from the University of Liverpool.

She said: "I am very happy to be joining the team at Southport and Ormskirk. Even in my short time here I have been impressed with the commitment of staff to providing the very best care for patients.

"I look forward to supporting that effort and will be here for as long as the trust needs me."

Iain McInnes said: "I have enjoyed my time working at the trust. There are a lot of dedicated, hard-working staff and it has been a privilege working with them.

"The trust has had many challenges and still has a number to face. It is clear to me that there is a strong commitment to move on and deliver care and a good experience for our patients as we move into a new phase.

"We now have a substantive executive team in place. They are dedicated and experienced people who will lead the trust in the months and years ahead.

"I am confident that, with the addition of Karen, I am leaving the trust in good hands."

Karen officially started in her new role on Monday (April 17).

Karen Jackson

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County awards ceremony recognition for town's dedicated foster carers

Report by **Henry James**

TWO couples from Skelmersdale have been recognised at an awards ceremony for foster carers in Central and South Lancashire.

At the event, organised by Lancashire County Council's fostering team and held at County Hall Preston, Mandy and Phil Owen won the award for outstanding contribution to the fostering service; while Chris and Kevin Marsh were named new foster carers of the year.

They now go through to a grand final event in June, also at County Hall, where the overall countywide winners will be announced.

Skelmersdale foster carers Chris and Kevin Marsh (5th and 6th from left) pictured with other award winners at the ceremony. *(Mandy and Phil Owen were unable to attend)*

Deserving

Georgine Lee, senior manager of the fostering and adoption team at Lancashire County Council, said: "All of our foster carers work tirelessly to improve the lives of looked-after children in Lancashire and we wanted to do something to recognise their efforts.

"Well done to our winning foster carers, there were many deserving nominations and it was a tough job for our judges to shortlist the winners."

The council is currently bidding to recruit foster carers for children of all ages, particularly siblings who need to stay together, and teenagers.

No formal experience or qualifications are needed, all they ask is that you have a spare room available and a desire to make a difference to a local child's life.

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training.

If you are interested, call the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit the website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

Back of the net!

Builder scoops £83,000 by correctly predicting football scores in TV competition

A BUILDER from Skelmersdale has scooped more than £83,000 in a competition to correctly predict the scores of six football games - and he says it was all down to guesswork!

Liverpool fan, Brian Rattle, was one of three lucky winners who shared the £250,000 prize up for grabs in the weekly Super 6 jackpot organised by Sky Sports.

To win the prize in the free-to-enter competition entrants have to correctly forecast the result of six football games played on Saturday.

The fixtures which 53-year-old Brian and his fellow winners predicted were: Man City 3 Hull 1; Middlesbrough 0 Burnley 0; Stoke 1 Liverpool 2; West Brom 0 Southampton 1; West Ham 1 Swansea 0; Nottingham Forest 2 Huddersfield 0.

A late goal by Andrea Ranocchia for Hull proved crucial, then the winning trio had to endure a nervous last 10 minutes when there were no further goals in any of the games before their winning entries were confirmed.

Sky Sport's Jeff Stelling announced Brian as one of the winners of the weekly Super 6 jackpot prize

Brian said: "My predictions were pure guesswork. I knew I'd got a few right at full time and tried to check the others but couldn't because of the Grand National.

"I was absolutely stunned when I found out I'd won the jackpot.

"I plan to invest my winnings into my business."

Civic couple to host students' charity showcase evening

MAYOR of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage and her consort, Councillor Noel Delaney, will host a charity showcase evening at Hurlston Hall Golf Club, Scarisbrick on Friday, April 21 featuring Songs from the Shows performed by students from The Artz Centre in Skelmersdale.

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Young boxers shine in international event

Skelmersdale Thai Boxing Club instructor Scott Stewart with his young charges George (centre) Michael, Kyle, Drew, Abbey and Euan.

A TRIO of dedicated youngsters from the Skelmersdale Thai Boxing Club have tasted success in an international competition featuring competitors from France, Italy, Scotland and Wales.

The threesome - Abbey Jones, 13, Euan Campbell 15, and 12-year-old Kyle Campbell - competed in the Sandee Intercontinental Open Championships staged at Barnsley Metrodome.

Abbey carried off the belt for the 46-48kg category in the 13-14 age group; Euan scored a KO victory to take the 52kg category; and Kyle scored two victories to claim the 46-47kg section.

Members of the club, based at Westgate in Pennylands, train every day.

Abbey's dad, George Jones, said: "I am absolutely thrilled for them. This was a big competition with competitors from all over Europe and the UK and what they have done is a great achievement."

Abbey previously came out top at the same tournament two years ago but was injured last year and unable to compete.

Euan did fight last year and won but this was Kyle's debut at the competition.

The tournament goes towards British rankings and Euan is already number one for his age and weight. Kyle and Abbey will also now be ranked number one in the country.

Although Kyle has trained for a number of years, the event at Barnsley was his first serious fight.

Six-year-old George Jones also fought for the club but lost, while Michael Nester amd Drew Smith were part of the team, but did not fight on the day

Scott Stewart, one of the instructors at the club, said: "They all trained as a team and even though they are not as experienced as the kids they fought, they have come out on top."

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Still time to have a say on development of new Local Plan

Residents invited to comment on 'significant topics' that will help shape borough's future

PEOPLE living and working in West Lancashire can still have their say on important early work that will guide how the borough develops in the future.

West Lancs Council is working on a new Local Plan which will cover everything from where new homes, employment sites and retail and leisure facilities should be situated, to policy statements addressing matters such as local services and the environment.

The current Local Plan covers up to 2027 and the council is in the early stages of forming the next plan. It is asking local people to comment on a number of significant topics which will shape how the plan develops.

This is called a Scoping and Issues & Options Consultation and the topics include:

- **How much housing and employment land development will be required each year**
- **What period of time the Local Plan should cover**
- **Scenarios on how new development should be spread across the borough**
- **Consideration of the infrastructure required to support new development**

In total there are five options papers that residents can read and give their views on. They also cover other important issues such as the economy, the environment and social issues such as affordable housing and providing for an ageing population.

Director of development and regeneration John Harrison

John Harrison, the director of development and regeneration, said: "I would urge people living and working in West Lancashire to take part in this consultation as this will influence how the new Local Plan takes shape. We have already had many responses to the consultation but there is still time to have your say, so please get in contact."

The public consultation is running until Friday, April 28 and people can view all the relevant documents and complete the survey form at www.westlancs.gov.uk/local-plan.

If you are unable to access the survey online you can also send comments by email to local-plan@westlancs.gov.uk, or by post to: Local Plan Team, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF.

Residents can also view the documents at the council offices at 52 Derby St, Ormskirk, and the Customer Service Point at the Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale, as well as at libraries in the borough.

For further information on the consultation, call the council's Local Plan Team on 01695 585194. All reasonable comments received will be considered in taking the Local Plan forward.

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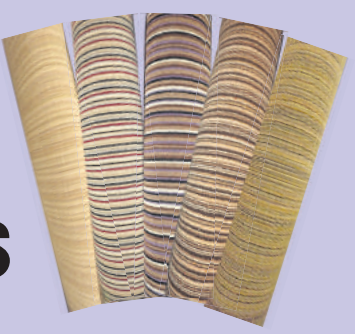

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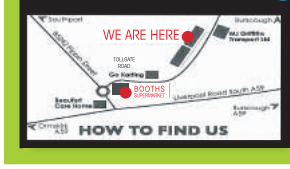

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New recruits sought to mark milestone

MEMBERS of the Ormskirk Ukulele Club are celebrating the group's fifth 'birthday' by launching a new recruitment drive.

The group meets every Thursday from 7.15 to 10pm at Ormskirk Rugby Club in Green Lane and anyone of any age wishing to join is welcome to go along, whatever their level of accomplishment, or if they just want to learn how to play the instrument.

Club official, Susan Graves, said: "We are celebrating five great years of ukulele playing with members of all ages and abilities meeting every week to enjoy group singing and the fellowship of making music together in an informal and sociable atmosphere.

"We are in the midst of a ukulele boom - sales are surging and people of all ages are learning to play this fabulous little instrument.

"It's a simple instrument to get started on and when you can play three chords C, F and G7, you can play rock and roll and most blues songs.

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"If you would like to join us, we offer a welcoming environment for people to develop their ukulele skills.

"It doesn't matter what level of experience or skill you have, the only prerequisite for membership of the club is a willingness to have fun, a desire to realise your creative urge, learn to play the ukulele, and you can also sing along with the tunes, if you want to.

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Walking group seeks new members

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Ann Robinson, secretary of the West Lancs Footpath Group, is inviting walkers of all levels to join the next planned excursion starting at the Ship Inn on Rosemary Lane at 7pm on Wednesday, May 3.

The group's walks are around three to four miles long and on mostly flat terrain.

Ann said: "The walks have been running for several years. Originally they were organised by the footpath group in partnership with West Lancashire Council and the breweries. Now it is just us and the council as the breweries changed hands, although most of the walks start from local canal-side pubs.

"Everyone is welcome. We just advise that suitable clothing and footwear should be worn and that dogs be kept on a short lead. There will be two walks each month until August."

For more information, visit www.westlancashirefootpathgroup.org.uk.

Chance to get dogs checked and chipped at welfare roadshow

DOG owners are being offered the chance to have their pets checked over for free and get them microchipped at a Dog Welfare Roadshow to be held at Tanhouse Community Centre in Skelmersdale on Tuesday, April 25.

The event has been organised by West Lancashire Borough Council and the authority's environmental enforcement officers will be available between 11am and 6pm to advise on responsible dog ownership.

There will be free wellbeing checks for dogs performed by representatives of animal charity the PDSA, including nail-clipping and ear-cleaning from 11am to 6pm.

Dogs Trust representatives will be offering free microchipping for dogs between 11am and 3pm, while the PDSA will provide a microchipping service for a small fee of £10 between 3 and 6pm.

The queue for the Dogs Trust microchipping service and welfare checks will close at an appropriate point to ensure that the last dog is seen at 3pm.

Similarly, the queue for the PDSA micorchipping service will close at an appropriate point to ensure that the last dog is seen at 6pm.

New legislation came into force on April 6 2016 which made it compulsory for dogs in England to be microchipped and for owners' details to be kept up to date on the chip. Owners who fail to comply with the regulations can be fined up to £500.

As well as being a legal requirement, microchipping is a failsafe way to ensure if your pet is lost it can be re-united with you. Many vets and pet shops provide this at a small charge.

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and wellbeing and head of the dog control team, said: "This is a great opportunity for dog owners to have their dogs microchipped and for the pet to have a free wellbeing check.

"These events are always very popular so make sure you arrive in plenty of time for your dog to be seen to avoid disappointment."

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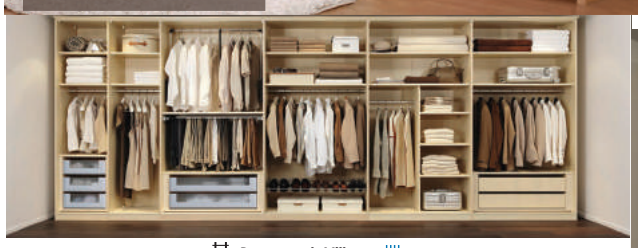

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Life was very different for Edge Hill student Jamie Harrison, just three months ago he was so unhappy with his size, which had gradually increased since he was around 17. He was dreading his graduation in July and what he'd look like in photographs.

He says, "I was so miserable with my weight and knew I had to do something about it. My housemate suggested we join Slimming World and, although I was very sceptical that anything would work and I'd convinced myself I would be left feeling hungry and deprived, I went along and I can honestly say I've never looked back.

"I was really nervous the first time I went to the group. I felt embarrassed and thought everyone would judge me for being overweight at such a young age.

"I couldn't have been more wrong though, everyone was really friendly and made me feel welcome. I've made lots of friends - of all ages - so I love going to group and seeing everyone every week now."

"The eating plan was very different from what I'd expected. I thought losing weight meant not eating very much or cutting out all of your favourite foods but it wasn't like that. I've never eat as well as I've eaten in the last three months and thanks to talking to other members in group and sharing ideas, I can still have all my favourite foods like burger and chips and I've learned a lot about food, I cook quite a few recipes for myself from scratch now so I'm not reliant on ready meals or junk food anymore. I've still been able to go out and socialise too which has definitely helped." Jamie 21 has lost 2st 7lb and dropped three sizes.

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West Lancashire super slimmer member Kerry Weston, has lost 2st 7lb, shrunk from a size 12/14 to a size 10, feels fantastic and says she couldn't have done it without the help and support of her Slimming World group .

The proud lady says: "Before I lost the weight I hated having my photo taken and whenever I saw pictures of myself I knew that my smile wasn't real. My weight impacted on so many aspects of my life, from struggling to cope with my ME illness, to not being able to do simple everyday tasks without feeling tired and aching."

She says: "Walking through those doors was one of the hardest things I've ever done, I was embarrassed and scared that I might be the be on my own. I needn't have worried though, everyone there was so friendly and caring from the moment I walked in, I felt right at home.

"Since then I've made so many friends at the group and I honestly say their help and support has been invaluable. They helped me with recipes and tips and if I was ever struggling they were always there to remind me why I'd wanted to lose weight in the first place and how far I'd come since first stepping through the doors. I now help those members if they need any ideas, I'm the first to offer."

"I still enjoy all my favourite meals like curry and chips and roast dinners but I've learned how to make small changes like using lean meat or cooking with low calorie spray instead of oil or butter. It fits in really well with the rest of my family and we can all eat the same meals. I know that I haven't 'gone on a diet', this is a change that I've made for life and have the tools I need to keep up forever.

I feel so much happier and healthier - my smile is definitely real now!"

KERRY'S DAILY MENU

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Police launch new safety campaign to mark start of 'biking season'

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Crash victim Ian Entwistle's motorbike has been mounted to a display trailer which will tour the county as part of Lancashire Constabulary's road safety campaign

A NEW initiative aimed at increasing motorbike safety has been launched in Lancashire.

Officers from Lancashire Constabulary launched the campaign, entitled 'Are you on the right track?' on Easter weekend in memory of a biker who died following a collision two years ago.

Experienced 34-year-old rider Ian Entwistle was making a familiar journey from his home in Newton, Preston to his father's house in Freckleton in July 2015 when he collided with a slow-moving car which was indicating right after coming out of a left-hand bend.

Due to Ian's position as he approached the bend on this stretch of road, he wouldn't have been able to see the junction ahead or the car on his side of the road waiting to turn.

His position would have been more suited to a racetrack where the visibility and track layouts are very different.

Advice

He didn't have enough time to brake and avoid a collision and died from serious head and chest injuries in hospital later that day.

The Road Death Investigation Team and Lancashire Road Safety Partnership have had his blue-and-white Suzuki GSX-R 600 mounted to a display trailer which will be taken to popular meeting places for motorcyclists across Lancashire where officers will use the bike as a talking point for safety advice.

It will also be the centrepiece at this year's Isle of Man TT in June where officers will be attending to speak to some of the 30,000 riders who make the trip each year.

Inspector Andy Trotter said: "Easter marks the start of the biking season. By engaging with bikers early on, we hope to educate riders on hazard-awareness and rider errors that contribute towards collisions, which include wrong positioning around bends or at junctions and poorly-planned overtaking.

"Around 25% of all collisions that result in death or serious injury in Lancashire involve motorcycles and approximately 60% of all serious collisions involving motorbikes have some contributory factors relating to rider error."

County supports drive to recruit more adopters

STAFF at Lancashire County Council staff are supporting the North West Adoption Fortnight campaign.

The county council is always looking for adopters, but encouraging people to come forward to find out more about the different children who need permanent, loving homes will be the special focus of the regional campaign this month, which is running until Sunday, April 30.

This aims to highlight the need for adopters who can offer homes for children of all ages especially older children, siblings, children from black and ethnic minority (BME) and mixed heritage backgrounds, and children with specific needs.

The council is keen to hear from a broad range of prospective adopters, including single people and couples, same-sex and heterosexual, from all religious backgrounds or none.

There are no strict rules about whether people should have jobs, own their own homes or have their own children but adopters must be over 21 and live within or near Lancashire.

Amanda Hatton, the county council's director of children's services, said: "The need to find families for some of our most vulnerable children remains right at the heart of this regional campaign.

"We want to encourage people from all backgrounds to think about adoption. What matters most to us is that you can help a child recover from the reasons why they came in to care and provide a loving home where you can support and look after a child throughout their childhood and beyond."

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Community groups urged to bid for building project funding in firm's initiative

Report by **Tom Martin**

COMMUNITY groups from across West Lancashire are being urged to apply for a slice of a £200,000 funding pot which is aimed at helping local building projects.

The money is being put up by building materials firm Jewson which is offering grants for anything from £500 to £10,000 to spend on building materials.

The initiative is called The 2017 Building Better Communities competition, and groups can also apply for the top prize of £50,000 for building materials and labour.

There is also the chance to nominate a 'Trade Hero' - a tradesperson who plays a big role in their area, whether it's a roofer who has fixed a leak in the village hall or a builder who has supported a local children's charity.

The winner of the Trade Hero category will receive £50,000 worth of building materials to enable them to complete a worthy community project.

Difference

Mark Rayfield, chief executive of Jewson, said: "Since Building Better Communities launched in 2015, we've seen the difference that the competition has had on local communities and charities.

"We know there are many more projects that could benefit out there, which is why we're encouraging people in the North West to nominate a cause close to their hearts.

"We've also introduced a new category for 2017 – the Trade Hero award. We know that tradespeople are working hard to help their communities on a regular basis and we really want to champion these people and enable the work they're doing."

Since the first year of the competition in 2015, Building Better Communities has helped more than 40 community projects across the UK.

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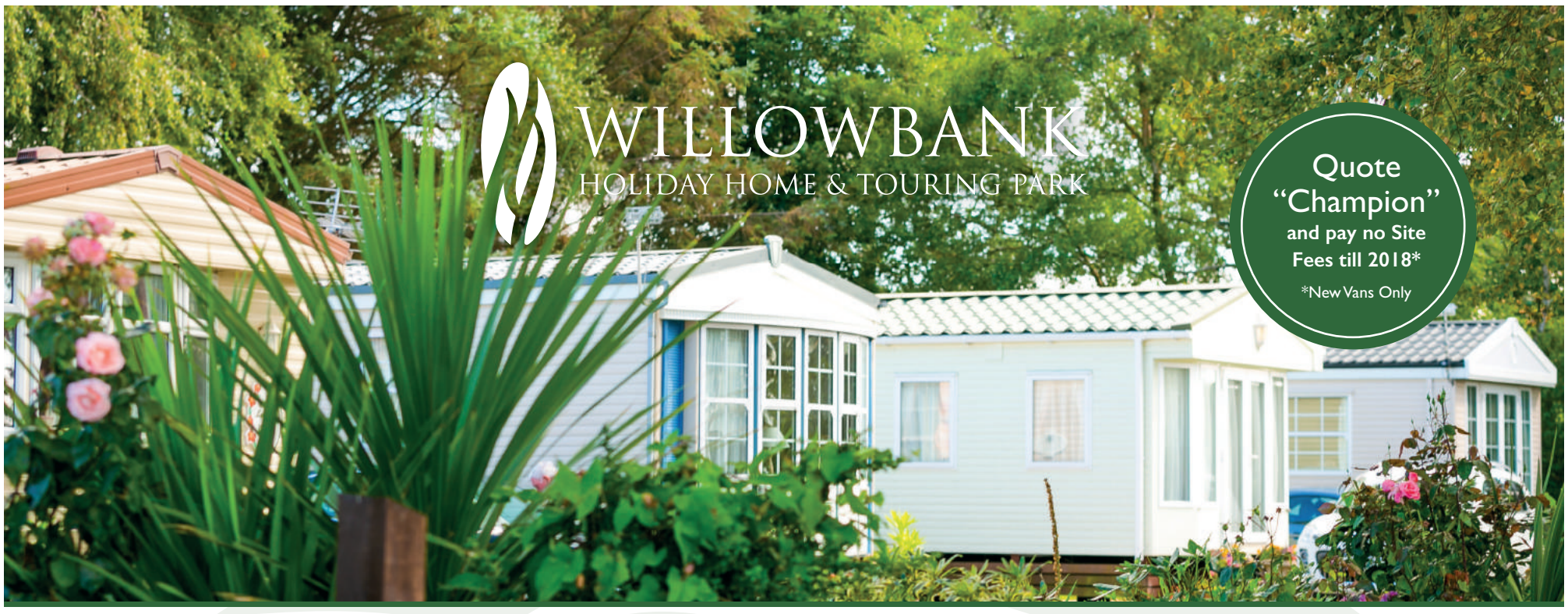

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Students given a 'masterclass' by acclaimed TV and film star

ACCLAIMED Liverpool actor, director and writer David Morrissey visited Edge Hill to give students an insight into his varied career.

Report by **Henry James**

An honorary graduate of the Ormskirk university, Morrissey, who played The Governor in acclaimed US TV series *The Walking Dead*, was in conversation with Edge Hill's Professor Roger Shannon and also took questions from students in attendance.

He said he is proud to be from the North West of England, "a place where the creative arts are taken seriously."

Morrissey, who is noted for meticulous preparation for and research into the roles he plays, spoke in detail about the techniques he uses to prepare for a new role and how he gets to know a character, saying he enjoys the challenge of different and testing roles.

He said: "I get bored very easily. I like the challenge of different characters, being frightened and nervous of the unknown. I find the idea that I could fall flat on my face exciting. For example, when I was in the Martin McDonagh play *Hangmen* in the West End earlier this year my knees were knocking every night as I was about to walk on stage. I thrive on that feeling."

The 52-year-old star, whose other standout performances include TV dramas, *Being Human* and *The Deal*, plus the film, *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*, advised students on ways to break into acting and the creative industries.

He also spoke about the current success of British actors in American television roles, and detailed the learning curve he encountered during his earliest professional roles and his time at Liverpool's Everyman Youth Theatre.

The event was organised by The Institute for Creative Enterprise (ICE), Edge Hill's practice-led and theoretically-grounded interdisciplinary research forum which connects the university with the digital and creative economy and with cultural institutions.

Professor Roger Shannon, director of ICE, said: "Blending tales of teenage beginnings at Liverpool's Everyman Youth Theatre with expert advice about screen roles, writing scripts, researching characters and the buzz of the film set, David Morrissey drew on a wealth of experience for stage and screen in his masterclass with EHU students.

"The event was both inspiring and all encompassing."

David Morrissey at Edge Hill University

Chance to make new 'connections' at friendly social group

WEST Lancs residents of all ages looking to make new friends and try out new activities are invited to attend the next meeting of the Bickerstaffe Connections group.

The group's monthly two-hour sessions feature activities including dominoes, draughts, boccia (similar to indoor bowls), chess, cards, games, puzzles, clay modelling, painting and knitting, and all are welcome to go along.

Next meeting is on Monday, May 8 from 1.30 to 3.30pm at the Four Lane Ends Mission in Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe.

One of the organisers, Edward McCarthy, said: "Bickerstaffe Connections is a friendly social group and we look forward to welcoming you to join us at regular social afternoons to enjoy a few happy hours out and about in a relaxed atmosphere sharing light refreshments and friendly company with others.

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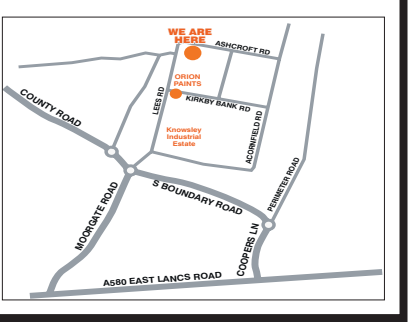

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Keynote speakers will include Dr Tony Lloyd, child psychotherapist and chief executive of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Foundation and Dr Madeleine Portwood, a prominent Specialist Educational Needs psychologist and clinical director for special education provider, the Witherslack Group.

Justine Sims, headteacher at Pontville School, said: "It really is an honour to be welcoming Dr Lloyd and Dr Portwood to our school. They are so well respected within the SEN community. I am sure our guests at the conference will take away with them a wealth of knowledge."

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Solo boating has taught me some important lessons for life

BY the time you read this I won't be here as I'm off on my river cruiser *Manxman* with my crew, collies Tina and Cinders.

So the 2017 boating season will have begun, the fourth since the death of my brother George. In that time I have discovered that it is quite possible for one rather older person to handle eight tons and 37ft of wooden stubbornness.

One bugbear is that you quickly find out that it is pointless trying to moor at a bank from which a strong wind is blowing. It is physically impossible to get from the wheel out onto the deck to collect mooring ropes before the vessel has been blown too far from the bank.

In fact, it could be said to be a lesson in life. If a thing looks impossible to achieve it's best not even to try.

In the case of boating, you'll avoid looking really silly and also potential damage to your boat - or someone else's. And you also learn that it is nearly always possible to achieve your goal by other means.

I have now learned quite a few new tricks of boat handling and it is surprising how much you can do single-handed. The trick is to plan ahead. With the aid of tide tables (it is always both easier and safer to moor against the tide) and the masthead pennant, make plans for what you want to do.

Of course, *Manxman* at 52 years of age is not equipped with modern aids such as a bow thruster - which would make life simpler. On the other hand you do learn at lot about boat handling without this modern aid.

And it can be a most magnificent boost to one's ego when you complete a manoeuvre just by your skill alone and without the horrible grinding noises you get when bow thrusters are in use. Until a few years ago, no-one had bow thrusters - and the world turned regardless.

Another lesson all this has taught me is that there is no shame in asking for help if it is available. I know I have always felt the better for it when I have gone to the aid of someone else in trouble, and I have discovered that most folk are only too ready to help if asked. There are exceptions of course - but frankly you're better off not knowing these miserable souls.

But the most important thing to learn about messing about in boats - or life in general - is that you are on a constant learning curve.

As an old boatman once told me: "Never trust anyone who says he knows everything about boat handling - he's either mad or bad, or possibly both."

One thing I have learned is that if a thing looks too difficult to do safely, it almost certainly is.

Single-handed boating has its advantages though. I can now moor for the night at all kinds of sylvan spots denied me when George was with me - a pub within easy walking distance was a necessity then. Now it's not.

And it can sometimes be pleasant simply to be on your own. I've always thought that if you can't get on with yourself, why on earth should you think you can get on with others?

One drawback that cannot be ignored though is time. When George and I were together on the boat for instance, one could be in the galley cooking dinner while the other steered *Manxman*.

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I'll tell you what though - I wouldn't give up my trips to Norfolk and Suffolk for free holidays on the Costa del Blackpool!

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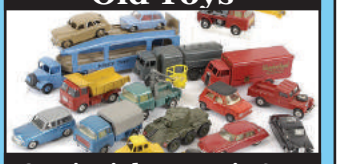

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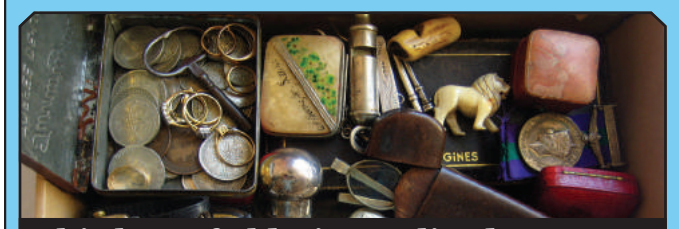

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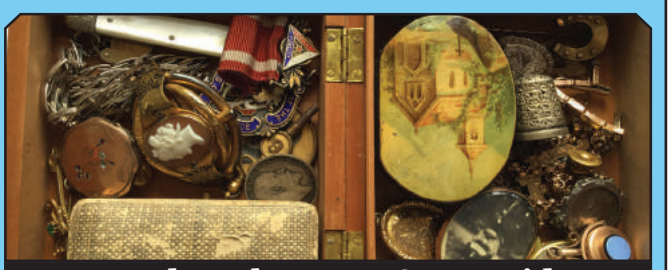

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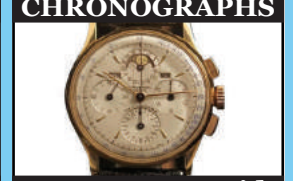

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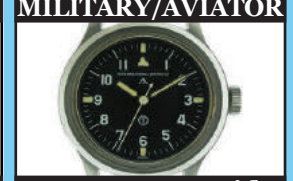

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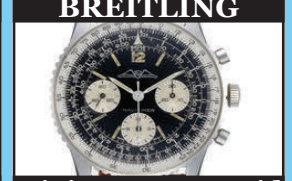

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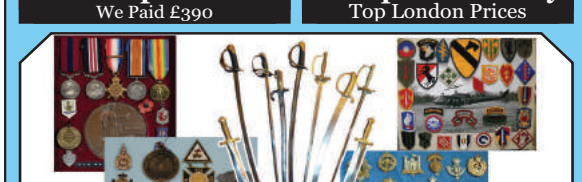

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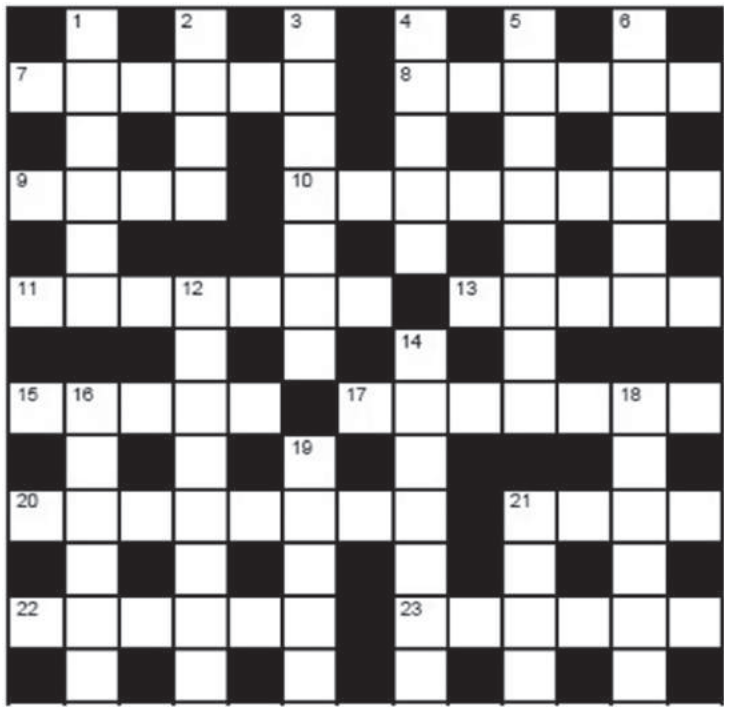

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12. Acquisition of knowledge (8)
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Council pledges 'strong action' against dog owners who fail to get pets microchipped

Report by **Tom Martin**

WEST Lancs Council has warned dog owners in the borough that the authority will take "strong action" against people who fail to have their pets microchipped.

In April 2016, the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations came into force, requiring all dogs to have a microchip implant making it easier for them to be reunited with their owners if lost or stolen.

The legislation also required owners to keep details up to date, or again face prosecution.

In the 12 months since then West Lancs Council has handed out eight notices and taken two owners to court for falling foul of the law.

Dogs Trust statistics show that 4,808 strays were reunited with their owners in 2015-2016, across the UK, some of these as a direct result of microchipping.

Across the UK as a whole local councils have issued 2,751 enforcement notices to owners since the legislation came into force - 1,464 for dogs that weren't chipped and 1,287 for owners whose details were incorrect on the microchip database.

The average fine issued to dog owners was £340, with the maximum penalty recorded as £500. It's estimated that fines will total around £73,000 over the next five years.

A spokesperson for West Lancs Council said: "West Lancashire Borough Council takes strong action regarding the legislation on the microchipping of dogs and has served four warning notices to owners over their pets not being microchipped.

"A further four warning notices have been served to owners due to the owners' details not being up-to-date on the microchip.

"Where these are not complied with, the matters are then taken to court, and the maximum fine is £500.

"On two occasions the council has taken successful legal action against owners for failing to comply with notices ordering them to have their dog microchipped and provide proof to the council this had been done.

"On each occasion the owner was fined £220 and also had to pay costs and a victim surcharge.

"As well as being a legal requirement, microchipping is a failsafe way to ensure if your pet is lost it can be re-united with you. Many vets and pet shops provide this at a small charge."

Alex Jackson, head of campaigns at Dogs Trust, added: "We hope to see the total number of people complying with the law increase significantly over the next few years.

"It's essential that in addition to getting their dogs microchipped, the details on the database are up-to-date, to ensure they have the best possible chance of being reunited with their pet should they become lost.

"It's also a legal requirement for dogs to wear a collar and tag displaying the owner's name and address when out in public.

"It's not just owners that need to be mindful of the law, breeders and potential buyers of puppies must ensure they comply with the legislation, which states that all puppies over the age of eight weeks should be microchipped and registered to their breeder. We encourage anyone buying a puppy to ensure they are aware of the requirements."

It is a legal requirement to have dogs microchipped

County's new High Sheriff sworn in

New High Sheriff of Lancashire, Robert Mitchel Webb

THE new High Sheriff of Lancashire has been officially sworn in at a special ceremony at County Hall, Preston.

Appointed by the Queen, Robert Mitchel Webb takes over from predecessor John Barnett.

The High Sheriff's historic role is to 'protect and assist in upholding the dignity and well-being of Her Majesty's judges and to project the principles of encouraging responsible citizenship and respect for the diversity of the community which lie at the heart of our constitution.'

It is a purely voluntary role and the High Sheriff does not receive any salary or expenses.

A former director of the John Hogg Group and Lancaster Magistrate, Robert has made an important contribution to many aspects of life in Lancashire since he moved to the county 41 years ago.

He said: "It is a tremendous honour to be chosen to represent the people of Lancashire as High Sheriff by Her Majesty the Queen.

"I have always been interested in the criminal justice system and the High Sheriff makes an important contribution to this in Lancashire.

"During my year in office I will do my best to give my full support to everyone involved in upholding law and order, and also to the many charity and community groups, who do so much for the people of Lancashire."

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Home residents benefit from therapy pet Brad's canine capers

RESIDENTS at a West Lancs nursing home were given the chance to sample a different kind of therapy - courtesy of a four-legged friend!

To celebrate National Pet Month, staff at Stocks Hall in Burscough welcomed 'pet therapy' dog Brad and his owner Eileen to the home in Liverpool Road South.

Pets As Therapy is a national charity founded in 1983 to provide therapeutic visits to hospitals, hospices, nursing and care homes special needs schools and a variety of other venues all across the UK. The charity aims to enhance health and well-being in the community through the visits of trusted volunteers with their specially-trained pets.

Stocks Hall activities co-ordinator, Denise Corvan, said: "Therapy dogs such as Brad can have a positive impact on the mood of people living in our homes, as well as our visitors.

"Regular visits from Brad have shown to relieve loneliness among less social or outgoing residents who find group interaction difficult.

Stocks Hall resident Bill Machel with pets therapy dog Brad

"Not all residents want to handle the dog and some benefit just from watching Brad interact with others. It's been wonderful to welcome him as part of the Stocks family here at the home.

"Brad is a delightful little character who can perform tricks and entertain with his playful approach and interaction. We would like to thank Brad, Eileen and Pets As Therapy for this wonderful opportunity."

Cattery plans submitted

PLANS have been submitted to create a new cattery in Ormskirk.

Applicants, Mr and Mrs Holder, have applied to West Lancs Council for planning permission to create a 10-unit cattery, storage area and three extra car parking spaces at The Cottage in Narrow Moss Lane.

The design and access statement submitted with the application states: 'The proposed cattery will consist of 10 standard cattery units in a row. These will consist of two distinct areas, sleeping quarters and an exercise area. Each unit will contain up to two cats from the same household only.'

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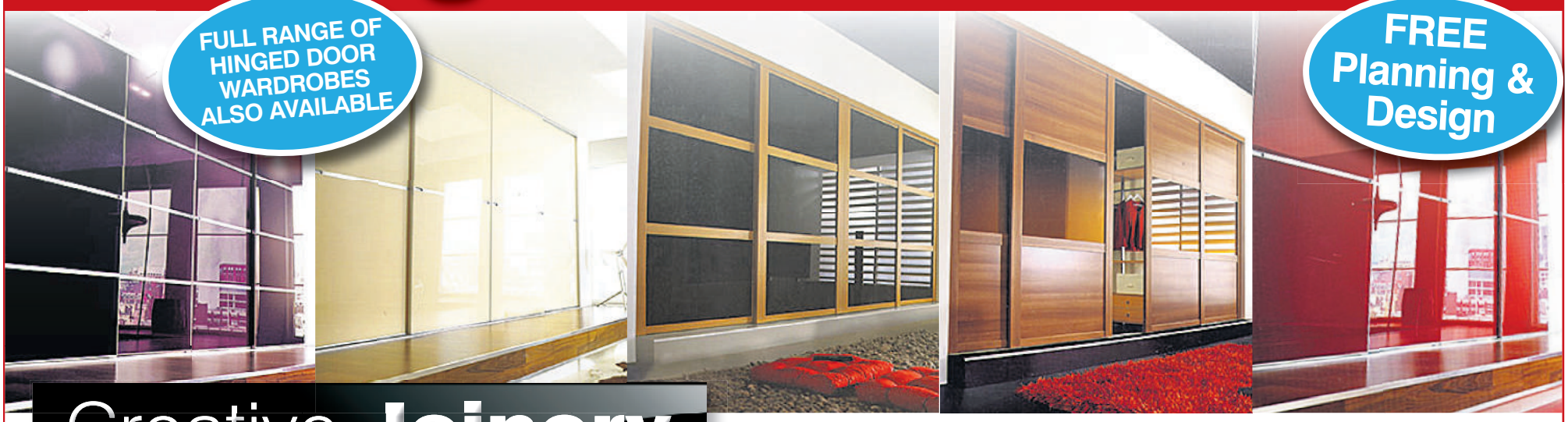

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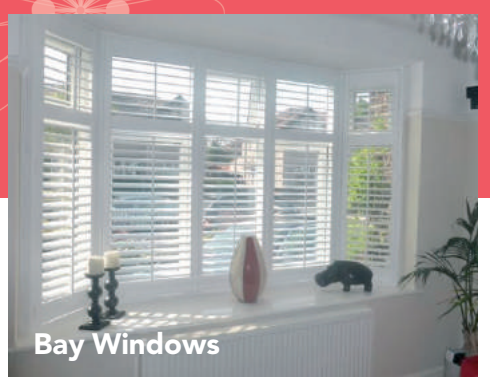
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The team from Burscough Diving Club show off their haul of medals from the North West Diving Regional Skills Championships in Manchester

Young divers book their places in national championships

TALENTED members of a West Lancs-based diving club really made a splash when they took part in the North West Diving Regional Skills Championships at the Manchester Aquatics Centre.

Competing against divers from across the North West, the eight youngsters from Burscough Diving Club all secured places in the ASA National Skills Championships to be held at the London Olympic Pool in July.

Olivia Sumner, Jenna Byrne, Holly Curran, and Leon Ferra collected gold medals; Charlie Hutchinson and Katie Gardner both won sliver; and Joseph Gerrard-Price and Evie Grimes took bronze.

Burscough Diving Club's head coach, Carlos Ferra, said: "Our excellent diving programme run within the club has showed its worth as our young diving team excelled against some very experienced divers. The fact we are taking eight divers to compete at a national competition shows what talent and support from families can achieve in such a small time."

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LORD and Lady Derby were guests of honour when the Lathom Park Trust held their annual general meeting at the Briars Hall Hotel.

Trust chairman, Paul Kenyon, gave an illustrated talk on the life of Charlotte De La Tremoille, the Countess of Derby, who gallantly defended Lathom House from Parliamentarian forces in 1644 during the English Civil War in what became known as the first siege of Lathom.

Lord Derby is the patron of the Lathom Park Trust.

● **Right: Guests at the meeting including Lord and Lady Derby.**

Homes plan for former school field

A FORMER school playing field could be redeveloped for housing in Aughton.

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The cast of Totally Tina

Justine is 'simply the best'

Totally Tina
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TWO of my all-time favourite singers are Etta James and Tina Turner. Last week, I reviewed The Etta James Story, starring Vika Bull, at Liverpool's Epstein Theatre for the Champion and gave it 10 out of 10, one of the best live shows I have seen, *writes Ron Ellis.*

Now, just a week later, Justine Riddoch turns up at the Southport Theatre, as Tina Turner, in another action-packed show backed by a five-piece band comprising keyboard, sax, two guitars and drums.

In addition, four glamorous female dancers strutted their stuff alongside Tina as she threw herself wholeheartedly into a non-stop dancing routine that would put gold medal gymnasts to shame.

As a backdrop to the action on stage, a giant screen featured various images and scenes including a pastiche of James Bond film clips when she sang GoldenEye.

Even the costumes, handmade, were replicas of those worn by Tina.

Unfortunately, the sound mix did not do the musicians justice with the bass overshadowing the vocals giving a rather muffled effect.

This was not so much a life of Tina Turner, though, as a collection of her hits plus a few other soul numbers, like Arthur Conley's Sweet Soul Music, sung in Tina's inimitable style.

It was in 1960 when Ike and Tina Turner first hit the American charts with A Fool in Love and It's Gonna Work Out Fine yet, disappointingly, neither of these numbers were included in the show. All we got from the early years were Proud Mary, Nutbush City Limits and, Tina's solo for Phil Spector, River Deep Mountain High.

Of course, it was in the 1980's when Tina became a superstar in Britain and most of the concert was taken up with those hits, like The Best, We Don't Need Another Hero and What's Love Got To With It?, and these were the numbers that brought the crowd to life, urged on by exhortations from the stage.

What was missing from the show, apart from the early hits, was a chronological sequence of songs showing Tina's development as an artiste and, perhaps, an accompanying storyline documenting highlights of her life. Otherwise, it becomes just another simple tribute act.

But judged as a simple tribute act, it is easy to see why Justine, a Liverpool girl, has been voted the U.K.'s Official No. 1 Tribute to Tina Turner.

Many tribute shows attract casual theatregoers, fixated with misplaced nostalgia, who find themselves cruelly seduced by cheap (and even expensive) imitations. But this is not one of those. Justine and her band perform the songs with all the gusto and style of Tina Turner to produce a show well worth the admission.

Star Rating: 7 out of 10. A great musical performance but could be so much more as a biography.

Sir Ken returning to resort to spread some happiness

THERE is a chance to see a national treasure at Southport theatre on Saturday, May 13 at 7pm.

Sir Ken Dodd, who is celebrating 60 years of entertaining audiences, is bringing his Ken Dodd's Happiness Show to the town.

During the night he will tell non-stop gags and sing a selection of songs presented in Dodd's unique and varied style: Everything from ballads to grand opera.

He became a professional entertainer in 1954 and just a little more than 10 years later he made his debut at the famous London Palladium – where he enjoyed an unprecedented record breaking 42 week sell-out season.

In 1965 he replaced his fellow Merseysiders, The Beatles (then at the peak of their popularity) from the No.1 spot in the pop charts with Tears and today it proudly occupies 10th position in the Top 20 best-selling records of all time.

His string of hits includes Love Is Like A Violin and his signature tune Happiness. Singing also plays a prominent part in his stage act. His vocal range includes everything from the classics to pop music and even grand opera.

But it is his work as a comedian that stamps Dodd out as a showbiz legend.

Indeed, away from his hectic touring schedule, Ken became recipient of the prestigious Living Legend award from The British Comedy Society. He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award in the British Comedy Awards and has been voted The Greatest Merseysider of all time – an accolade which relegated John Lennon and Paul McCartney into joint runner-up spot.

He was recently voted Legend of Comedy 2014 in the prestigious Leicester Festival of Comedy.

Sir Ken Dodd

He's been a bill-topper throughout his entire career and has starred in countless Royal Variety Shows (the most recent in the presence of HM The Queen and The Duke Of Edinburgh) and in sell-out record-breaking seasons at theatres like the London Palladium and Blackpool Opera House.

He was knighted in the 2017 New Year Honours for his entertainment and charity work.

Popular musical working its way back

DUE to public demand, the producers of Jersey Boys are delighted to announce a second UK & Ireland Tour.

The production will play the Liverpool Empire Theatre from January 10 to 20, 2018. Tickets are on sale now

Jersey Boys first opened in London at the Prince Edward Theatre on March 18 2008 and moved to the Piccadilly Theatre in March 2014. The Olivier Award-winning West End production closed at the end of March following nine years in London. The first UK & Ireland Tour of Jersey Boys was a record-breaking success and ran for 18 months, from September 4, 2014 to March 5, 2016.

Jersey Boys is the remarkable true story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and their rise to stardom from the wrong side of the tracks.

These four boys from New Jersey became one of the most successful bands in pop history, were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and sold 175 million records worldwide, all before they turned 30.

The show is packed with their hits, including Beggin', Sherry, Walk Like A Man, December, 1963 (Oh What a Night), Big Girls Don't Cry, My Eyes Adored You, Let's Hang On (To What We've Got), Bye Bye Baby, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Working My Way Back to You, Fallen Angel, Rag Doll and Who Loves You.

Winner of Broadway's Tony, London's Olivier and Australia's Helpmann Awards for Best New Musical, Jersey Boys is the winner of 57 major awards worldwide and has been seen by over 24 million people worldwide.

Jersey Boys can currently be seen across the United States on its US National Tour. The Broadway production closed on January 15, 2017 as the 12th longest running show in Broadway history.

The cast of Jersey Boys. Photo by Helen Maybanks

Jersey Boys is written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, with music by Bob Gaudio and lyrics by Bob Crewe.

The National / UK & Ireland Tour production is staged by the entire original Broadway creative team, led by director Des McAnuff and choreographer Sergio Trujillo, with scenic design by Klara Zieglerova, costume design by Jess Goldstein, lighting by Howell Binkley, sound by Steve Canyon Kennedy and projection design by Michael Clark. The orchestrations are by Steve Orich and the music supervision and vocal arrangements by Ron Melrose.

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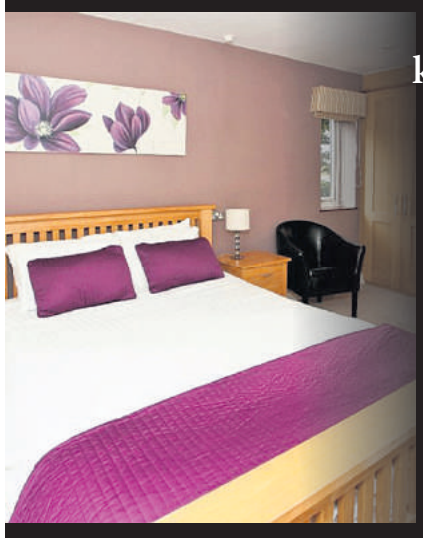

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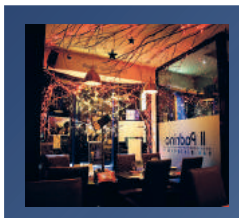

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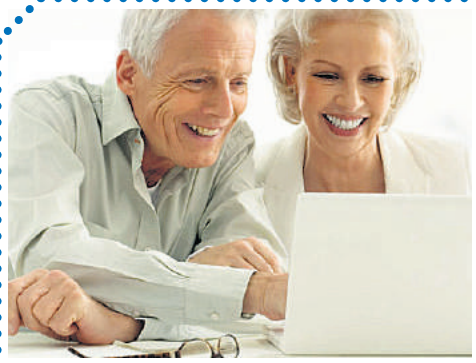

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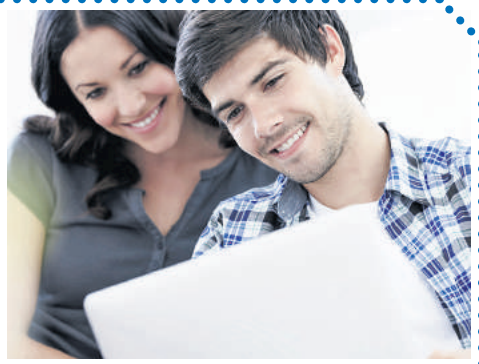

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(Make Request).

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10th April 2017

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9th April 2017
Aged 88 years

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HOUGHTON ALMA

On the 10th of April 2017
Aged 89 years

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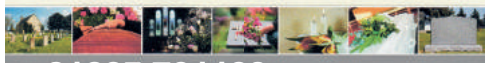

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0312/FUL Erection of 1.8m high boundary fence and gates at 49 Elmers Green, Skelmersdale.

Application No: 2017/0324/FUL Development including change of use & remodelling of existing space from vacant office/retail accommodation into office and 4 No. bed student HMO accommodation with the provision of new second floor extension to form additional bedroom, with associated external alterations at 37 Burscough Street, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2017/0361/FUL 2 storey extensions at the rear; new roof to the existing garage at side and adaptations to existing house at 20 Tan House Lane, Parbold.

Application No: 2017/0387/FUL Internal and external alterations to existing public house at Cock And Bottle, 70 Church Road, Tarleton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 19th April 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT945

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOSS LANE, SINEACRE LANE AND STOPGATE LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Moss Lane, Sineacre Lane and Stopgate Lane, Bickerstaffe from Siding Lane to Coach Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 to 1800 from Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 26th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Coach Road – Barrow Nook Lane – Hall Lane – Church Road – Liverpool Road (Moving into Knowsley District) Cunscough Lane – Bank Lane – County Road – South Boundary Road – Perimeter Road – North Perimeter Road – Dale Lane – Pingwood Lane – Stopgate Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow surface dressing patching works to be carried out. Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7104/WH]

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(MEADOW LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Meadow Lane, Lathom from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Saturday 29th April 2017 until 0800 hours on Sunday 30th April 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Bleak Lane – Wood Lane – Wanes Blades Road – Hoscar Moss Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow level crossing replacement works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/6751/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COBBS BROW LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh from Ash Brow to Tabbys Nook.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Cobbs Brow Lane – Cobbs Clough Road – Glenburn Road – Houghtons Road – Stannought Road – Windmill Road – Newgate Road – Ormskirk Road – Mill Lane – Beacon Lane – Higher Lane – Ash Brow and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7097/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LATHOM ROAD, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Lathom Road, Bickerstaffe from Lyelake Lane to Stanley Gate.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours from Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ormskirk Road – Lyelake Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7105/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BEACON LANE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Beacon Lane, Parbold from Higher Lane to Mill Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Higher Lane – Ash Brow – Cobbs Brow Lane – Cobbs Clough Road – Glenburn Road – Houghtons Road – Stannought Road – Windmill Road – Newgate Road – Ormskirk Road – Mill Lane.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow surface dressing patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7099/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PINFOLD LANE & MORRIS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Pinfold Lane and Morris Lane, Halsall from Southport Road to Small Lane North.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on Monday 24th April 2017 until Friday 19th May 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Southport Road – Gorsuch Lane – Halsall Road – North Moor Lane – Small Lane North and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7107/WH]

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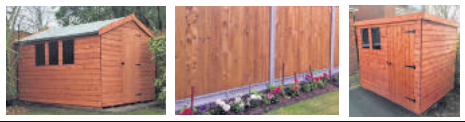
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GIVE the Government credit where it's due. It's stuck to its promises and handed power back to Britain's towns and cities – about 475bhp, by my reckoning.

That's roughly how much the Cosworth V8 in a Saudia-Williams FW06 F1 car makes, as driven by Alan Jones and Clay Regazzoni in the late 1970s, when they'd have been able to use every last inch of its power on the world's race circuits. But if you'd seen the same car doing its lap of honour at Ormskirk's MotorFest event it would've been limited, for legal reasons, to the same 30mph your mum's Fiesta does on the town's one-way system.

Until now. After years of talking about it Whitehall's finally gone ahead and lifted the ban on cars doing more than the speed limit at one-off events.

In recent years it has technically been possible to have Ferraris and Jaguars do high speed runs on closed-off British roads, but as it was very complicated and involved obtaining an Act of Parliament very few actually bothered.

But as of last Monday it's now much easier to stage races, sprints and various other forms of motorsport on public roads and in town centres – which I reckon is definitely a good thing.

F1 cars have long been a big draw at the Ormskirk MotorFest

Take the MotorFest. Every year it brings roughly 15,000 of you into the West Lancashire market town for a bit of high-octane fun, making it Ormskirk's busiest trading day.

It's a great event, but imagine how much more compelling it'd be if you could watch F1 cars, Jaguar D-types and rally-prepped Subaru Imprezas being given the beans on the one-way system. Obviously these closed-off roads would be properly policed and 'elf 'n' safety' checked until the organiser's desk creaks under the weight of paperwork, but the adrenalin rush of great cars being driven as their makers intended would boost all the businesses nearby. In fact, enterprising so-and-sos could use these new powers for all sorts of things.

I'd love to see Lord Street in Southport turned into a sprint course for an afternoon – my bet's that a Lamborghini Huracan would easily beat a Ferrari 488 in a dash from Duke Street to the fire station. Half Mile Island in Skelmersdale could easily host a round of the British Drift Championship. And what about the Parbold Hill Climb?

I'm sure that precisely none of these ideas will end up anywhere other than the bottom of a beer glass, but it's nice to know we're legally allowed to.

David is the editor of Classic Car Weekly.

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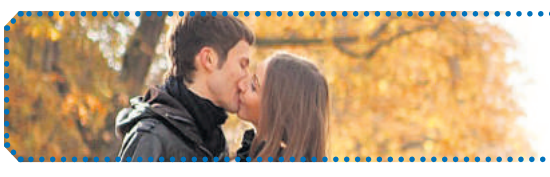

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Linnets hit for four at Ossett

Ossett Albion 4
Burscough 0

BURSCOUGH lost their final away game of the season after conceding four goals at Ossett Albion.

It was a difficult afternoon for the Linnets, who were on the backfoot for most of the match and struggled to create a lot of clear cut chances.

Connor Brunt for the home side scored the first two of their goals, with the others coming from Dave Bordman and Brad Hennessey.

Burscough's last game of the season is this Saturday at home to Ramsbottom Town.

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Feisty encounter gives ex-boss bragging rights

Skelmersdale United 0
Marine 3

Marine keeper Paul Phillips saves from Remy Howarth. Pictures by John Driscoll.

THERE may not be much left to play for at Skelmersdale United, but bragging rights in a local derby is always worth the battle, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The big story of the day saw the return of former manager Tommy Lawson, now in charge of Marine, after he was controversially sacked in January after 11 years.

The Marine line-up contained five former Skelmersdale players with another four on the substitutes' bench. A fact that just added to the spice of the occasion,

It took Marine precisely three minutes to grab the lead. A loose pass from the home defence went to former Skem legend Kenny Strickland, and he released ex- Skem striker Dan Mitchley down the inside right channel to despatch a thunderous drive into the far corner of the net from 15 yards.

Skem had their best chance of the half on 25 minutes when the energetic Howarth latched onto a cross field ball and was one on one with keeper Phillips, but he pulled off a terrific save.

There was something of the counter-attack about Marine's second goal on 37 minutes.

Left-back James Short was known for his overlapping runs when he was at Skem and after such a run he crossed into the centre of the penalty area, from where Hamilton got above everyone to head firmly into the corner of the net.

After the interval Howarth took the ball to the line and drove it into the penalty area, and Marine right-back Kisimba Kisimba handled the ball and a penalty was given.

Up stepped Skelmersdale's former Liverpool player Irwin, however, his well struck spot-kick was too central and Phillips was able to rescue Marine with an excellent save.

The penalty miss was crucial because two minutes later an error gave Mitchley the chance to make it 3-0 and he didn't waste it.

Skem's 17 year old goalkeeper Joe Hilton miskicked a clearance and the ball was fed to Mitchley, who after fending off a defender slotted home.

Tempers took over after the third Marine goal. Phil Mooney put in an over the top challenge on Marine midfielder Mike Brewster which led to a punch up.

Marine defender Adam Hughes was then in a clash with Mooney and after verbal confrontations between the benches, referee Sam Mulhall duly dismissed Mooney, with Hughes escaping punishment.

The margin probably flattered Marine. They were definitely the better side on the day and their experience proved to be the difference against the Skelmersdale youngsters.

Adam Hughes and Phil Mooney clash.

Skem show spirit to battle back from two goals to earn share of points

Coalville Town 3
Skelmersdale United 3

SKELMERSDALE produced a spirited comeback to overturn a 2-0 deficit to earn a deserved point on Saturday.

Manager Alan Rogers said in his post match interview that he was unhappy with his side's first-half performance, but also gave his players credit for the way they struck back after the interval.

Skelmersdale were caught cold for the opening goal in the fifth minute. Marcus Marshall's low shot beating goalkeeper Joe Hilton.

Coalville continued to put pressure on Skem and got a second on 28 minutes.

The ball was rolled out by Hilton and instead of booting the ball long a series of short passes succeeded only in dangerously giving the ball away.

Watson pounced and played the ball to Malachai Lavelle-Moore, he was allowed too much room and after switching the ball from right to left foot fired a storming shot past Hilton from 15 yards.

Skelmersdale pulled one back on 48 minutes. Coalville were a bit lacklustre in their response to Allen's free-kick and after a poor headed clearance Bevan Burey drilled a shot low inside the post from around 15 yards out.

The goal massively lifted Skelmersdale. Two minutes later out on the right, Remy Howarth and Jefferies exchanged passes and the latter crossed deep into goalmouth. Irwin who is only about 5 foot eight, ran in between two defenders and launched a flying header powerfully into the net. Coalville restored their lead when a long ball from Bryant was missed by two defenders leaving Watson one on one with Hilton, he rounded the keeper and slotted home from an acute angle.

Three minutes into added time and Skem had an equiliser.

Howarth's cross to the far post was headed down by Michael Vaughan-Muscat and home goalkeeper could only parry the ball away. Mooney's run carried him into the six yard box and he beat Cotton from about four yards to tie the game up.

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